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Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the title of invention, have amended the specification to recite the continuing and priority data for the above-identified application, and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

Claims 1-25 are present in the application as filed. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1-25 without disclaimer or prejudice and added new claims 26-45. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 26-45 will be pending.

Support for claim 26 can be found in claim 2 as filed.

Support for claim 27 can be found in claim 4 as filed.

Support for claims 28 and 29 can be found in claim 5 as filed.

Support for claim 30 can be found in claim 6 as filed.

Support for claim 31 can be found in claim 7 as filed.

Support for claim 32 can be found in claim 8 as filed.

Support for claim 33 can be found in claim 10 as filed.

Support for claim 34 can be found in claim 12 as filed.

Support for claim 35 can be found in claim 13 as filed.

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Support for claims 36 and 41-46 can be found in claim 14 as

filed.

Support for claim 37 can be found in claim 23 as filed.

Support for claim 38 can be found in claim 24 as filed.

Support for claims 39 and 40 can be found in claim 25 as filed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$1,000.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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